

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended)

1. A carrier comprising

~~a vertical panel,~~

~~at least one side wall structure secured to said vertical panel and foldable onto said vertical panel,~~

~~a transverse support panel foldably attached to said vertical panel and shaped to fit into said side wall structure when both said transverse support panel and said side wall structure are unfolded so as to hold said side wall structure in an unfolded position and, together with said transverse support panel, form a receptacle,~~

~~a holding structure for supporting said transverse support panel in a position transverse to said vertical panel and holding up said transverse support panel under the load of an object placed in said receptacle upon said transverse support panel,~~

~~said transverse support panel having a surface for supporting objects resting thereon.~~

a central support structure having a pair of vertical panels,

a pair of foldable receptacles, each secured to one of said vertical panels,

said receptacles each comprising a vertical side-wall structure and a transverse support panel having a first edge, an opposite edge and two side edges, said transverse support panel being foldably secured at said first edge to one of said vertical panel and said vertical side-wall structure,

said transverse support panel having the size and shape to fit into and engage said vertical side-wall structure when both said vertical side-wall structure and said transverse support panel are either partially or fully unfolded so as to hold said side-wall structure and said carrier open, and a pair of structures for automatically moving each of said transverse support panels into one of said receptacles when said side wall structures are unfolded,

a pair of holding structures each formed underneath one of said transverse support panels when said carrier is unfolded for holding said transverse support panel relative to said side-wall structure to support a load, and

a pair of barrier structures each located in one of said receptacles for dividing said receptacle into at least two compartments.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended)

3. A carrier as in Claim ~~2~~ 1, in which each of said barrier structures is selectively foldable, separately from the unfolding of said carrier, to a first position in which it forms a divider to divide said receptacle into separate compartments, and to a second position in which it is out of the way and leaves the receptacle undivided. ~~in which said transverse support panel is a foldable extension of the lower edge of said vertical panel, and said divider structure is a foldable cut-out from said vertical panel and said transverse support panel.~~

Claim 4 (currently amended)

4. A carrier as in Claim 3 in which each of said barrier structures includes a foldable cut-out section from one of said vertical panels, joined with a cut-out section from said transverse support panel so that said barrier structure, when folded to said first position, forms a generally L-shaped barrier between said compartments and has an upper side edge serving as a barrier to the sideways movement of a relatively tall object out of one of said compartments ~~cut-out is foldable with respect to said first panel at a location substantially upward from said lower edge of said vertical panel, and with respect to said transverse support panel adjacent its farthest edge from said lower edge.~~

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended)

6. A carrier as in Claim ~~2~~ 3 in which said ~~divider~~ barrier structure is selected from the group consisting of; a single element selectively forming a side barrier for each of two adjacent compartments; and two separate elements, each selectively forming a side barrier for one of said compartments.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. A carrier as in Claim 1 ~~including a second vertical panel, the first and~~ in which each of said ~~second~~ vertical panels ~~each having~~ has an upper edge, said vertical panels being hinged together only at said upper edges~~7~~.

~~said second vertical panel having a fold-out receptacle for holding objects in it.~~

Claim 8 (currently amended)

8. A carrier as in Claim ~~7~~ in which each of said side wall structures includes a side wall spaced from and parallel to one of said ~~first and second~~ vertical panels and said transverse support panel spans substantially the entire distance between said one vertical panel and aid parallel side wall. ~~are formed from a single blank with a fold line in said blank forming a hinge at said upper edges.~~

Claim 9 (currently amended)

9. A carrier as in Claim 1 in which each of said side wall ~~structures~~ structures includes three side walls hinged together end-to-end and having upper and lower edges, each of said vertical panels also having upper and lower edges and said holding structure includes foldable flanges comprising extensions from said lower edges of each of said side walls and one of said vertical panels, said flanges being selectively secured together to form a bottom structure for said receptacle.

Claim 10 (currently amended)

10. A carrier as in Claim 9 ~~including a linking structure linking at least~~ in which, in each of said receptacles, said transverse support panel is secured to an adjacent one of said flanges at one corner of said bottom structure, and two other adjacent ones of said flanges are secured to one another at the opposite corner of said bottom structure, said flanges being folded diagonally at said corners when said carrier is folded ~~to said transverse support panel to fold it outwardly from said vertical panel when said side wall structure is unfolded.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended)

11. A carrier comprising
a central support structure having a pair of vertical panels,

a pair of foldable receptacles, each secured to one of said vertical panels,

said receptacles each comprising a vertical side-wall structure and a transverse support panel having a first edge, an opposite edge and two side edges, said transverse support panel being foldably secured at said first edge to one of said vertical panel and said vertical side-wall structure,

said transverse support panel having the size and shape to fit into and engage said vertical side-wall structure when both said vertical side-wall structure and said transverse support panel are either partially or fully unfolded so as to hold said side-wall structure and said carrier open, and a pair of structures for automatically moving each of said transverse support panels into one of said receptacles when said side wall structure is unfolded,

a pair of holding structures each formed underneath one of said transverse support panels when said carrier is unfolded for holding said transverse support panel relative to said side-wall structure to support a load, and

a tab extending from one of said side edges of each of said transverse support panels to engage one wall of each of said side wall structures ~~as in Claim 10 in which said linking structure comprises one of said flanges secured at one corner to~~

~~said transverse support structure and folded diagonally along a line traversing said corner when said side wall structure is folded.~~

Claim 12 (currently amended)

12. A carrier as in Claim ~~9~~ 11 in which one side wall of said side wall structure in each of said receptacles bears against said one side edge of said transverse support panel during unfolding of said carrier, and including an opening in said one side wall, said opening being positioned and dimensioned to receive said tab during its movement while unfolding and thereby help hold said transverse support panel in a position to help hold said carrier receptacles open ~~one of said flanges is secured to an adjacent one of said flanges at a corner and is folded diagonally along a line traversing said corner when said side wall structure is folded, whereby the flanges secured together strengthen said holding structure when said side wall structure is unfolded.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended)

13. A carrier as in Claim 11 in which each of said side wall structures includes three side walls hinged together end-to-end and having upper and lower edges, each of said vertical panels also having upper and lower edges, and said holding structure includes foldable flanges comprising

extensions from said lower edges of each of said side walls and
one of said vertical panels, said flanges being selectively
secured together to form a bottom structure for said receptacle
~~7 including cut outs in said vertical panels adjacent said upper~~
~~edges and aligned with one another to form a handle.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended)

14. A carrier as in Claim 13 in which in each of said
receptacles, said transverse support panel is secured to an
adjacent one of said flanges at one corner of said bottom
structure, and two other adjacent ones of said flanges are
secured to one another at the opposite corner of said bottom
structure, said flanges being folded diagonally at said corners
when said carrier is folded. ~~1 in which said divider structure~~
~~is formed by a cut out from a portion of said transverse support~~
~~panel, whereby said cut out closes any openings left by said~~
~~cut out when folded, to thus form a bottom for said receptacle~~
~~which is substantially free of large openings.~~

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (cancelled)

Claim 21 (currently amended)

21. A finished carrier comprising

a pair of central panels, each having an upper edge,
~~and~~ a lower edge, and inside and outside surfaces,

a foldable receptacle positioned adjacent said lower edge of each of said central panels, each of said receptacles capable of being folded against one of said panels and unfolded outwardly from said one panel,

said central panels being hinged together at said upper edges and being otherwise free to move towards and away from one another and,

including graphic matter displayed on at least one of ~~the~~ said inside surfaces of said central panels ~~which face one another when said panels are together,~~ whereby said panels can be swung apart to see said graphic matter.

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (canceled)

Claim 34 (canceled)